Station) to be *prima facie* guilty of the pilferage of the seized 'charas' deposited at the Malkhana. The investigation has further revealed the identity of 18 other Police officials (who remained posted at Trilokpuri police Station for varying periods) because of whose negligence and carelessness in the performance of their duties the misappropriation of charas became possible. Whereas the Head Constable, *prima facie*, found directly involved in the pilferage was arrested (and subsequently released on bail by the Court), it has been decided to initiate departmental proceedings against the other 18 officials found to be negligent, careless and amiss in the performance of their duties.

Talks with terrorist organisations of North-East

†2517. **SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidents of violence are increasing continuously in the North-Eastern States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the leaders of extremist/terrorist organisations active in North-Eastern States had expressed their desire to see the Prime Minister and the Prime Minister had also fixed time and place to talk with them;

(d) if so, the reasons for postponing the same;

(e) whether Government will take initiative once again to talk with the heads of the said terrorist organisations; and

(f) if so, by when and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (f) Government is committed to restoration of peace in the North East and has therefore extended an inviation to all those who

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

have strayed from the path of togetherness to give up violence and to come forward for talks within the four corners of our Constitution. Government has entered into ceasefire agreement with National Socialist Council of Nagaland (IM) faction (NSCN-IM) on 25th July, 1997 and the ceasefire is in operation. Negotiations between the Representative of Government of India and NSCN (IM) are continuing. The representatives of NSCN (IM) have recently called on the Prime Minister at Osaka in Japan. The Government has also entered into a ceasefire agreement with the Khaplang faction (NSCN-K) on 28th April, 2001 for a period of one year. In Assam, the Bodo Liberation Tiger (BLT) unilaterally suspended its operations *w.e.f.* July 14, 1999. The Union Home Minister made a statement in both the Houses of Parliament on March 15, 2000 about the suspension of operations by security forces against BLT. The tripartite peace talks involving the representatives of the Central Government, the Government of Assam and the BLT are continuing.

Special visas provided to foreign tourists of certain countries

2518. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether visitors from 16 coutries can now travel to India with their passport and visas provided at special counters set up at the International Airports in the country;

(b) if so, the names of such countries;

(c) the names of Airports in India where this facility will be available; and

(d) whether the reciprocal facilities for India tourists would be granted by those countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The proposal of the Ministry of Tourism to grant visa on arrival to the nationals of 16 countries, *viz,* Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembrug, Sweden, Finland, Norway, Japan, Germany, Argentina, Chile, Australia, New Zealand, Brazil, Mexico, France and Spain has